Smooth crossing of Wagha Border

385. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons crossed Wagha Border by road during the last two years, month-wise;

(b) what is the average time taken in clearance of one person;

(c) what steps are being taken to strengthen the staff there; and

(d) whether Government would open a separate line at Wagha for easy flow of trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House (*see* below).

(b) On arrival, it takes upto 7 minutes in immigration clearance of Pakistani nationals and upto 2 minutes for other foreigners/Indians. At departure, all passengers, including Pakistani national are cleared within 2 minutes.

(c) Action is initiated for enhancement of sanctioned manpower for immigration. Also, State Government of Punjab has been requested to fill up the vacancies.

(d) this depends on mutual cooperation.

Statement

Month-wise details of persons who crossed over Wagha border by road since January, 2004

Year 2004

Month	Arrival	Departure	Total
January	2,081	2,301	4,382
February	1,899	1,524	3,423
March	3,777	4,325	8,102
April	2,798	2,501	5,299
May	871	1,702	2,573
June	1,040	1,004	2,044
July	1,202	1,123	2,325

Month	Arrival	Departure	Total
August	1,446	1,381	2,827
September	1,471	1,351	2,822
October	1,569	1,664	3,233
November	2,316	2,537	4,853
December	4,632	3,589	8,220
TOTAL:	25,102	25,002	50,104
	Year 2005		
January	1,619	2,439	4,058
February	1,867	1,535	3,402
March	6,403	5,939	12,342
April	4,547	5,189	9,736
May	1,096	1,519	2,614
June	1,409	1,224	2,633
July	1,552	1,370	2,922
August	1,296	1,484	2,780
September	1,914	1,678	3,592
October	1,698	1,471	3,169
November	3,337	4,249	7,586
December	9,137	5,843	14,980
TOTAL:	35,875	33,939	69,814
	Year 2006		
January	2,462	4,514	6,976
February	5,759	5,959	11,718
March	3,234	2,986	6,220
April	2,120	2,405	4,525
May	1,319	1,650	2,969
June	2,066	1,814	3,880
July	1,821	1,527	3,348
TOTAL:	18,781	20,855	39,636